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TO SURGICAL PROCEDURES IN HEALTH CARE  
PROVIDER ENVIRONMENTS

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**REQUEST TO REOPEN PROSECUTION UNDER 37 CFR 41.39(b)(1) and  
AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive the Examiner's Answer before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, which raised new issues. Applicant has re-opened prosecution by virtue of this response, in compliance with 37 CFR 41.39(b)(1).

Please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.